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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Pursuant to the new rules for amendments under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the claims have been amended herein using the rewritten claims format. The present amendment also includes a section entitled **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"** attached hereto.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

B<sup>1</sup>  
21. (Amended) A method according to claim 20 wherein said active fragment of MARCKS protein comprises a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 1 and said peptide is delivered in a mucus-inhibiting amount.

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Please cancel claims 26-34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

B<sup>2</sup>  
40. (Amended) A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 39 wherein said peptide has an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 1.

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Please cancel claims 51-54 and 62-66 without prejudice or disclaimer.